

## CANADA STIRRED BY GRAFT REVELATIONS

Exorbitant Prices Paid for In-  
ferior War Supplies, Say  
Many Witnesses.

### UNFIT BOOTS FOR ARMY

OTTAWA, April 13.—Revelations of  
graft on a scale unprecedented in the  
public life of the Dominion have  
dwarfed the interest of Canadians in  
the progress of the war.

Acting upon orders from the Govern-  
ment to investigate charges without fear  
or favor, Parliamentary committees  
have brought to light a series of alleged  
scandals in connection with the filling  
of war contracts that have awakened  
a blaze of the fiercest indignation from  
Halifax to Vancouver. Although mili-  
tary and naval supplies are being fur-  
nished by the lower order of Conserva-  
tive newspapers and highly exaggerated  
by extreme Liberal organs desirous of  
making political capital against the Gov-  
ernment, the facts found between the  
two extremes of opinion disclose an ex-  
traordinary condition of affairs.

According to the evidence sworn to  
before the committees war had hardly  
been declared before an army of mil-  
lions fell upon Ottawa, and take-  
offs of thousands of dollars were made  
in the purchase of trucks, transport  
wagons, boots, bicycles, binoculars and  
bandages. The first instance of alleged  
deliberate graft was in the purchase  
of the case of R. E. Powell, a fourteen-  
dollar a week clerk, who, it was  
stated, made \$6,000 in excess of a reason-  
able profit in a contract to supply the  
order for field dressings. It turned out  
that Powell worked in a store in which  
W. F. Garland, a member of Parliament  
for Carleton, Ontario, was the leading  
shareholder, and that the order was  
obtained through Garland's alleged influ-  
ence and interference with the officials  
of the Department of Militia. Threat-  
ened with prosecution by the Justice  
Department, Powell returned the \$6,000.

**High Prices for Motor Trucks.**  
In obtaining restitution from other  
sources the Government has not been  
nearly so successful.

In the case of motor trucks it has  
been shown that those for the first con-  
tingent cost approximately \$1,000 each,  
more than was paid for those required  
for the second and third contingents,  
withstanding the fact that the trucks were  
similar in every respect. The first con-  
tingent was paid for by the Government,  
\$200,000 paid for every truck bought for  
the first contingent is alleged to have gone  
into the pockets of a Toronto agent.  
Exorbitant prices were paid also for  
motor tires and bicycles.

The investigation into the purchase  
of field glasses has resulted in the sus-  
pension of a leading Government official,  
Col. Hurdman, Inspector of technical  
military supplies. It has been shown  
that classes of a decidedly inferior make  
were passed off as first quality, that in one  
case a real estate agent was given a  
contract for a large supply on the recom-  
mendation of the Ottawa Conserva-  
tive member, while in another in-  
stance an agreement was entered into  
between two Ottawa dealers by which  
the inspector of technical equipment was  
to receive \$2 for every pair of binoculars  
in order which they held for \$400.

The sworn evidence in the boot in-  
vestigation brought up some startling facts.  
Officers and privates in the front lines  
were charged that the boots supplied them  
were like "blotting paper." Some fell to  
pieces after a few weeks wear, and it  
was charged that the boots were made  
of Salubry were due to exposure through  
interior footwear. A number of the  
officers swore that the boots were abso-  
lutely unfit for active service and that  
they would not like to go to the front  
with them.

**Supply of Boots Discarded.**  
As the result of a violent spirit of  
partisanship which crept into the pro-  
ceedings of the committees two reports  
have been submitted. A majority report  
by the Conservative members exonerating  
the Government from all blame and a  
minority report by the Liberal mem-  
bers charging the Administration with  
"negligence and want of care." Recen-  
tional boasts which held investigations  
on their own account discarded a pair  
of boots as being unfit for service.

Gen. Alderson made a complaint that  
the boots were unserviceable, and before  
leaving for the trenches the men of the  
first contingent were supplied with  
British army boots.

It was further brought out in the  
sworn testimony that Charles E. Smith,  
a Montreal merchant, whose name was  
placed on the patronage list by the Min-  
ister of Militia, received \$10,275 as a  
commission for obtaining a single con-  
tract for a Quebec shoe firm. One Tor-  
onto shoe merchant, D. Minister, de-  
clared to enter into a contract on the  
ground that the samples furnished him  
by the Militia Department were "unfit  
for men to wear."

Liberal newspapers and Liberals in  
the Commons violently assailed the Gov-  
ernment, charging ineptitude and negli-  
gence of duty in dealing with the situa-  
tion. Most conservative newspapers  
point to the fact that there is no evi-  
dence of graft so far as the Government  
is concerned, and they make a mild de-  
fence of the boots on the ground that  
the weather at Salisbury Plain made a  
fair test of their quality impossible.

The investigation into the purchase  
of horses for military purposes has  
brought out some choice bits of graft.  
Hundreds of horses brought to  
Valcartier were found to be absolutely  
useless and were auctioned off at a price  
which lost nearly \$200,000 to the Gov-  
ernment. A De Witt Foster, member  
for Kings, Nova Scotia, was among  
those who acted in the capacity of  
horse buyer. He was assisted by W. G.  
McKay, private secretary to John  
Standfield, the chief whip of the Con-  
servative party in the House of Com-  
mons. According to sworn testimony  
before the Public Accounts Committee  
some of the horses which were pur-  
chased were scarcely able to haul an  
empty truck. A. B. Harvey, a Kings  
county farmer, swore that he sold a  
horse that was well over 20 years old  
and which was "crawling along." The same

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### SINGLE HEAD FOR HOSPITALS.

Senate Passes Bill Taking Powers  
From Democratic Board.

ALBANY, April 13.—Another Republi-  
can administration measure destined to  
oust Democrats from State offices passed  
the Senate today. It was the Sage bill,  
legislating out of office the present State  
Hospital Commission, controlled by  
Democrats, and providing for the ap-  
pointment of a single State Hospital  
Commissioner at \$10,000 a year.

The State Hospital Commission can't  
be abolished, because it is a constitu-  
tional office, but the Republicans pro-  
vide that the commission shall have  
power only to visit the State institutions,  
having no hand in their management or  
supervision.

"Do you call this economy?" cried  
Democratic Leader Robert F. Wagner.  
"What good will that do to the tax-  
payer?" asked Republican  
Leader Brown.

**NO LICENSES FOR HEALERS.**  
Christian Science Bill Is Killed in  
the Assembly.

ALBANY, April 13.—The Assembly to-  
day defeated the bill of Assemblyman  
Thorn of Erie, which would have ex-  
empted Christian Science healers from  
the medical practice act requiring the  
examining and licensing of physicians.  
The vote was 46 for the bill to 73  
against. A similar bill introduced by  
Mr. Thorn last year passed both the  
Senate and Assembly, but was vetoed  
by Gov. Glynn.

Republican Leader Hinman led the  
opposition, declaring that the passage  
of the bill would be equivalent to re-  
pealing the medical practice act. In  
addition he said it would be dangerous  
to the public health to permit science  
healers, admittedly without medical  
knowledge to make any effort to  
diagnose contagious or infectious  
diseases.

**BUILDING BILL TO MITCHEL.**  
Mayor Expected to Veto Inspection  
Bureaus Merger.

ALBANY, April 13.—The Assembly to-  
day passed the Ellenbogen bill, con-  
solidating the building inspection bureaus  
of Greater New York in separate  
building bureaus for each borough.  
The vote was 104 to 28. It now goes  
to the Mayor for his approval, the  
Senate already having passed it.

It was said here today that Mayor  
Mitchell will veto the bill, and if so  
an effort is to be made to pass the  
bill over his veto.

**TWO MUST GO TO THE CHAIR.**  
James Purcell, Who Killed Daugh-  
ter Here, to Die.

ALBANY, April 13.—Two convictions  
for murder in the first degree were  
sustained by the Court of Appeals to-  
day. James Purcell, who killed his  
daughter at 21 West Twenty-first street,  
New York city, last year must go to the  
chair.

Vincenzo Buonomsorno, who mur-  
dered his wife at Utopia in April last  
year, must also go to the chair.

## BANDITS IN DAYLIGHT ROB CLERK OF PAYROLL CASH

Escape With \$863—Elevator Operator and Brother Ar-  
rested as Aiders in Thieves' Plot—One Admits  
Conspiracy, the Police Say.

Two bandits chose the busiest hour  
yesterday afternoon for another daring  
holdup of a payroll bearer. The rob-  
bery occurred in the freight elevator of  
a loft building at 57 West Twentieth  
street. The thieves got away with  
\$863.15 belonging to the National Shirt  
Waist Company, which occupies three  
floors of the building.

Morris Fischelman, receiving clerk of  
the same company, who carried the  
money, was severely beaten about  
the head and shoulders with a black-  
jack that he is at Bellevue Hospital  
and not expected to live.

Fischelman left the office at 1 o'clock  
to get the money at the Surety Bank,  
Fourteenth street and Fifth avenue. As  
he returned about 2 the two thieves el-  
evator him into the freight elevator.  
John Wells, the negro elevator man, told  
the police that one of the robbers  
pointed a revolver at him and com-  
manded him to go up. The other, Wells  
said, attacked Fischelman with a black-  
jack. Fischelman attempted to struggle,  
but was beaten to the floor.

Wells said that at the third floor,  
which is an empty loft, the elevator  
was stopped and Fischelman, un-  
conscious, was lifted out. The robbers,  
taking the sack containing  
the money, retired across the loft.

After listening to Wells' story Detectives  
Hegan and Dawson of the Second  
Branch bureau placed him under ar-  
rest. Later, according to the detectives,  
Wells admitted that he was in a plot  
to rob Fischelman, the proposition  
having been suggested by two white  
men he didn't know. On the strength  
of the story told by Wells his brother,  
Edward, 29, who runs another elevator  
in the same building, was arrested.  
Both are charged with acting in concert  
with two other men in assaulting and  
robbing Fischelman. They were locked  
up at Police Headquarters. Both of the  
brothers live at 74 West 134th street.

In a safe robbery at 89 Suffolk street  
early yesterday morning the thieves got  
\$1,000 in jewelry. It was in the store  
of Samuel Marbach and belonged to  
Benjamin Smith, a jewelry dealer. Just  
how the robbery was carried out is a  
mystery, for the doors and windows  
were found undisturbed and there was  
only a hole nine inches in diameter in  
the wall.

**BILL TO OUST HARRIS**  
**PASSED BY ASSEMBLY**  
Canal Appraiser, Whose Tax  
Figures Opposed Whitman's,  
Legislated Out.

ALBANY, April 13.—The Hinman bill  
legislating out of office Edwin S. Harris,  
special appraiser of canal lands, started  
on its way to become a law late this  
afternoon, when it passed the Assembly  
by a vote of 83 to 45. Mr. Harris, who  
was named by Gov. Glynn last Decem-  
ber, has been drawing \$5,000 a year.  
He served as Deputy Comptroller under  
State Comptroller Schuler, Democrat.

Under the Hinman bill, the power of  
naming appraisers of canal lands, now  
vested with the Governor, is transferred  
to the Superintendent of Public Works,  
so that Gen. Wetherston would have  
the appointment of Mr. Harris's suc-  
cessor just as soon as the Governor signed  
the law.

This bill is in line with the policy  
of the Republican administration, de-  
clared Republican Leader Hinman.  
"Yes," muttered Alfred E. Smith,  
Democratic leader, "some of my bills  
already passed to put Democrats out of  
office and let Republicans in."

Mr. Hinman explained that the Rep-  
ublicans during the campaign prom-  
ised to consolidate all bureau and de-  
partments wherever possible and showed  
that this bill consolidated Mr. Harris's  
department, now in an office outside the  
Capitol, with the Department of Public  
Works.

"This is in line with our desire to  
secure an economical and efficient State  
government," said Mr. Hinman, "and  
while I don't want to say much about  
Mr. Harris I wouldn't trust him if he  
told me it was a fair day."

It was said here today that Whitman's  
\$18,000,000 direct tax statement showed  
a correct total by adding the wrong fig-  
ures," said Mr. Smith, "so he got in  
bad. The idea of the Republicans is to  
put him out so as to deprive any other  
man in the State employ who knows  
anything from saying it, so the public  
will know about it."

Mr. Smith declared that he had re-  
solved the Republicans planned to pass  
the \$18,000,000 direct tax to prove the  
Governor was right, but he warned them  
to economize, lest the State's finances  
run short.

"You might have to take the State  
Capitol down to Park Row and hewn  
it," said Mr. Smith, "and then all you'll  
have on this beautiful acre will be a  
rickety old building."

**Kings Ripper Bills Passed.**  
ALBANY, April 13.—By strict party  
votes the Senate passed today the Bur-  
lingame Kings county ripper bills  
which will give the Republicans in  
Kings the appointment of the Commis-  
sioner of Records, Commissioner of  
Juries and the public administrator.

## PEOPLE BEST ABLE TO RULE, SAYS ROOT

Attacks Reformers and Pleads  
for Preservation of Laws  
of State.

### "BOOM" FOR PRESIDENT

ALBANY, April 13.—Ellihu Root, ex-  
United States Senator and president of  
the constitutional convention, at a dis-  
ner given by the Republican Senators  
in his honor to-night at the Ten Eyck  
warned the people that only through the  
development of the "principles of Demo-  
cratic government" can "we escape from  
the terrible scourge that is devastating  
Europe."

"I am a firm believer in democratic  
government and I believe in the self-  
governing capacities of the people of  
the State," he declared.

"I believe in the saving power of rep-  
resentative government, the greatest gift  
of the Anglo-Saxon race to the liberty  
of the world, and I believe in the com-  
petency of the men of this generation to  
do their part in the slow and deliberate  
course of solving the problems of Demo-  
cratic government."

Senator Root attacked the so-called re-  
formers of the age.

"The first thought of a reformer is to  
stray at something new, whether or not  
it is worth while, forgetting the thou-  
sand and one more important duties of  
preserving the laws," he said.

"The failure to attain perfect Demo-  
cratic government Senator Root attrib-  
uted to the lack of understanding be-  
tween the farmer and the manufacturer  
and the city man and the country man.  
The people don't understand the fram-  
ing of laws, the Senator said, and he ad-  
vocated printing in this State a legisla-  
tive record similar to the Congressional  
Record, which would give to all the peo-  
ple the arguments for and against all  
legislation.

Mr. Root declared the fact that the  
time of the Legislature today is taken  
up in great part by unimportant legis-  
lation for the various localities, and he  
predicted that to attain perfect Demo-  
cratic government might find a cure for this  
evil.

"The first great duty of Government is  
to preserve the laws under which the  
people have lived in justice and prop-  
erty," asserted Senator Root.

Senator Root urged the legislators  
not to force their will on the people,  
but to remember that they are represent-  
ing the will of the people.

"There are two things party policy  
never should attempt to do. Enter into  
reaction to the United States, and  
said Mr. Root, "We lost the State  
and nation three years ago because we  
deserved it, because we sought to achieve  
individual success by seeking to pull  
down other Republicans."

"Have we learned that lesson? It  
seems to me we have. Nothing can pre-  
vail against us. You cannot disturb a  
people in prosperous careers without  
evoking loud cries. Substantial achieve-  
ment will win our way to public approval  
and confidence."

Many thought that Gov. Whitman  
boomed Senator Root as a Presidential  
possibility for 1916 when he spoke. The  
Governor said he was "pleased to be  
present with a man so distinguished"  
and declared it was "needless to sug-  
gest that there is nothing in the  
gift of the people of the State and the  
nation that Senator Root couldn't have."

Protracted applause followed the Gov-  
ernor's remarks.

Lieut-Gov. Edward Schebeck was  
toastmaster. Other speakers were Will-  
iam Barnes, John Hedges, Republican  
Leader, Elton R. Brown of the Senate,  
Speaker Sweet of the Assembly and  
State Chairman Frederick C. Tanner.

## CALLS U. S. A CHILD SEEING GIANTS FIGHT

M. Brioux Says for America to  
Intervene Would Be  
Useless.

### Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, April 13.—Owing, doubtless,  
to the reluctance of all classes to discuss  
peace, the press refrains from comment  
on the Pope's invitation to America to  
take the initiative in this respect. The  
attitude, however, of leading intellec-  
tuals may be gathered from the words  
of Eugene Brioux to the correspondent  
of THE SUN regarding the Pope's senti-  
ments. M. Brioux said:

"I am not a politician and I cannot  
speak with authority, but as a French-  
man I say that although France ar-  
dently wishes peace and would show no  
spirit of 'revanche,' even if her troops  
are on the soil of Germany, she cannot  
think of peace before northern France  
and Belgium are evacuated and repa-  
ration is made to her by the restoration  
of her former provinces."

"There is no use in America's inter-  
posing, giving to her distant position  
and the fact that she has no army.  
She is therefore not in a position to  
impose her will. Although she is a  
great and powerful country, the United  
States is in the position of a child  
watching a struggle between two giants  
and it would be useless for her to call  
upon them to stop."

"President Wilson and his Govern-  
ment ought to have protested on two  
occasions, first, against the violation  
of Belgium, and secondly, against the  
bombardment of Antwerp."

M. Brioux had been conducted to the  
door by a handsome young French officer  
in uniform, who had only one leg  
and leaned on crutches. "You saw that  
young man?" said M. Brioux to the  
correspondent. "How in the presence  
of such a sight as that can we think  
of peace?"

**NO WORD TO WILSON.**  
Pope Has Not Sent Definite Peace  
Proposal to President.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—President  
Wilson has received no definite proposal  
from the Pope relative to an endeavor  
to restore peace in Europe, he told  
callers today.

Several persons authorized to speak  
for the Vatican have assured him, how-  
ever, that when the time comes for  
action the pontiff will gladly cooperate  
in any plan which may be suggested.

For the present the President ad-  
mitted that not a single concrete sug-  
gestion has reached him to justify a  
belief that any of the belligerents is  
anxious to consider terms.

**CONSTANTINOPLE FOR U. S.**  
Oxford Professor Proposes Unique  
Disposal of Ottoman Capital.

LONDON, April 13.—Dr. Vernon Bart-  
lett, professor of church history in Man-  
field College, Oxford, has written a let-  
ter to the Daily Mail, making the unique  
suggestion that Constantinople be  
turned over to the United States, the  
new power, he believes, which is suf-  
ficiently disinterested to govern it justly  
and without prejudice.

Dr. Bartlett also says that for a  
generation or two American educational  
institutions in Turkey have been help-  
ing to train leaders of public, profes-  
sional and civic community life. This  
fact it occurs to Prof. Bartlett, to-  
gether with a natural interest felt by  
a considerable part of the American  
public in Turkish questions, seems to  
make the United States marked out as  
the fittest representative of common  
peaceful interests in the matter.

## PASTORS ASSIGNED TO M. E. CHURCHES

Appointments Are Announced  
for the New York East  
Conference.

### DR. HAMILTON TO TRINITY

The New York East Conference of  
the Methodist Episcopal Church, which  
has been in session in the Bushwick  
Central Church, Brooklyn, yesterday  
announced these appointments:

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Cornell Memorial—J. H. Lockwood, Jr.  
Seventh and Eleventh Streets—A. J.  
Faust.  
Sixty-first Street—H. F. Rason.  
Sixty-third Street—J. H. Hamilton.  
Twenty-seventh Street—P. J. Shackleton.  
Thirty-third Street—J. H. Henry and J.  
F. Hecker.  
Third Street—L. R. Streeter and W. J.  
Whit.

**BROOKLYN, NORTH DISTRICT.**  
District Superintendent, P. B. Upham.  
Andrews—W. D. Tucker.  
De Kalb Avenue—W. W. Wilson.  
Emory Memorial—W. W. Maynard.  
Greenpoint—C. C. Osterheld.  
Knickerbocker Avenue—A. C. Standreau.  
St. John—N. M. Moore.  
Simmons—E. G. Richardson.  
South Second Street—Alfred Hodgson.  
South Third Street—William Hamilton.  
Summer Avenue—J. H. Bell.  
Union—Open.

**BROOKLYN, SOUTH DISTRICT.**  
District Superintendent, P. B. Upham.  
Bay Ridge—Grace P. H. Stockline.  
Brooklyn Heights—J. H. Mills.  
Borough Park—J. W. Johnson.  
Buffalo Avenue—W. S. Jackson.  
Crown Heights—T. L. Price.  
Eighty-third Street—M. O. Lepley.  
First Street—W. L. Davison.  
Fourth Avenue—A. J. Smith.  
Gowanus—W. C. Craig.  
Hudson River—W. C. Phelps, supply.  
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**SCHOOL BOARD BILL TO DIE.**  
Dr. Finley Drops Plan of 23 Mem-  
bers Until Next Year.

ALBANY, April 13.—The Education  
Department announced today its  
willingness to drop for the year at least  
the Lockwood-Hinman bill creating a  
department of public instruction in each  
city of the State, reducing the number  
of members of the Board of Education  
of New York city from 46 to 25 and  
making many other changes in the  
school system of the various cities. The  
bill will be allowed to die in committee.  
The Legislature received requests  
from Buffalo to withdraw the Lock-  
wood-Hinman bill. State Commissioner  
of Education John H. Finley, who  
backed the bill and had it drawn, issued  
a statement declaring that it is a bill  
of good sound principle, but consenting  
to having it go over for a year.

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